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LETTER DATED 1 MARCH 1991 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF SINGAPORE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to enclose herewith text of the statement made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Singapore, H.E. Mr. Wong Kan Seng, regarding the proposal for a cease-fire and the liberation of Kuwait.

I should be grateful if this letter, along with its enclosure, could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mark HONG
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Annex

PRESS RELEASE

Statement by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore
on 28 February 1991

Singapore welcomes the announcement by President Bush that the United States and its coalition partners were suspending hostilities in the Gulf war. It hopes that the Iraqi Government will speedily accept all the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council, and end the sufferings of the Iraqi people.

Singapore shares the joy of the Kuwaiti people at the liberation of Kuwait. We have fully supported all international efforts to bring this about. We hope that the situation in Kuwait will soon return to normal so that the massive reconstruction task can begin.

The resolute and decisive actions of the multinational coalition to oppose aggression and enforce the decisions of the United Nations Security Council have strengthened the United Nations and made the world a better and a safer place. The international community has resoundingly reaffirmed its commitment to the principles of the United Nations Charter. The United Nations and the United States should now work to resolve the major outstanding issues in the Middle East, including the Palestinian problem to bring more durable peace and stability to the region.